

1,990 miles are metalled. The average cost of maintenance, including the expenditure on special repairs, was Rs. 358-8-0 per mile. The proper maintenance of roads is becoming increasingly expensive and it is one of the questions referred to the Committee appointed to go into the problem of Motor Transport in Mysore and its suggestions are awaited.

8. *Water Supply*.—The outlay during the year on the New Bangalore Water Works Scheme was Rs. 20,68,633. The excavation of the foundations for the dam was completed and masonry work started. The dam had risen to 35 feet above the river bed in the lowest portion by the end of the year. The Deviation Road was completed and opened for traffic. All the 16 miles of C. I. main and 3 miles of steel main were laid in the year.

9. *Irrigation Cess Fund*.—The expenditure from the Irrigation Cess Fund was Rs. 3,19,420 against the grant of Rs. 3,32,622.

10. *Establishment*.—The total charges under this head amounted to Rs. 10,14,583. The proportion which the establishment charges bore to the total expenditure on works and repairs under all Funds was 17·07 as against 17·47 of last year.

The work of the Department was satisfactory.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Working of the Muzrai Department for the year 1931-32.

READ—

Letter No. R. Dis. 90—32-33, dated the 24th October 1932, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Report on the Administration of the Muzrai Department during the year 1931-32.

ORDER NO. 1024-35—MUZ. 91-32-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH JANUARY 1933.

Recorded.

2. Government are glad to note that the several schemes sanctioned for the better administration of the Muzrai Department are working satisfactorily and are yielding good results in the management of institutions and the maintenance of accounts, etc., relating to them. They are also glad to observe that the local officers and the Dharmadarsis of institutions are generally evincing greater interest in Muzrai work. It is hoped that the Dharmadarsis of institutions in the Shimoga District will also take greater interest in this matter in future. The debit balances in the temples of Seringapatam and Melkote and in the Sivaganga Mutt should be wiped out by improving their resources or by revising their scales of expenditure so as to keep it well within the limit of their income.

3. The following are the more important events or measures undertaken or sanctioned during the year:—

(a) The work of repairing and restoring the ancient temples at Belur and Halebid was carried out by the special staff employed for the purpose and the services of this staff have been ordered to be continued for a further period of one year.

(b) Funds are being set apart for the construction of a chattram on the Tirupathi Hill for the accommodation of non-brahmin pilgrims. The chattram building at Benares was repaired to some extent and further improvements to it are under consideration.

(c) The Sri Tengina Mutt in the Koppa Taluk, the Dhananka Mutt in the Tumkur Taluk, the Sri Yethiraja Mutt at Melkote and the Sri Yelahanka Mutt in the Belur Taluk, together with their properties, were ordered to be taken over by Government for management.

(d) Successions to the Sri Kodi Mutt in the Arsikere Taluk, to the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt in the Shimoga Taluk, and to the Hazrath Attavalla Shah Darga, Bangalore City, were recognized during the year.

(e) The inam lands of the Kanthaiah's and Thotadappa's Mutts in the Chitaldrug District were resumed, as these institutions had become defunct.

(f) A provisional Rahadari was issued to the Swamigalu of the Sri Adi Chunchingiri Mutt indicating the birudus, etc., which the Swamigalu was entitled to use during his tours and a cash grant of Rs. 100 a month was sanctioned to this Mutt from State Funds for a period of ten years.

(g) Manuals in respect of the temples at Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, Seringapatam and Belur were printed and published and the Honours Manual is under print.

4. The following questions which are under the consideration of the Department require prompt attention:—

(a) Investigation into the affairs of the temple on the Biligirirangan Hill in the Yelandur Taluk.

(b) Proposals for the management of the Sri Ranganathaswami Temple and Choultry at Sivasamudram.

(c) Appointment of Swamies to the Sri Sampige Mutt in the Kadur District and to the Sri Yelahanka Mutt in the Hassan District.

(d) Proposals for amending the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation with a view to introduce therein, provisions similar to those in the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, regarding the submission of budgets by Mathadhipathis.

(e) Proposals for the grant of 50 acres of land to the Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur.

(f) Proposals for fixing a uniform curricula of study in all the grant-in-aid Veda Patasalas.

(g) Proposals for systematising the payment of Nehami allowances.

(h) Revision of the muzrai manual, the quit-rent and the cash grant registers and the compilation of lists of mutts and village institutions.

Endowments.—Government are glad to note that endowments in cash, land and other forms were received in the year for the benefit of Muzrai Institutions.

Educational Institutions under Muzrai Management.—As in the previous year, the Ayurvedic and Unani College and Hospitals at Mysore, the Sanskrit College at Melkote, the Sri Chamarajendra Veda Maha Patasala at Bangalore, the Agama Classes attached to the Maharaja's Sanskrit College at Mysore and the several grant-in-aid Veda Patasalas throughout the State continued to do satisfactory work during the year.

Investigation of Inams of defunct Muzrai Institutions.—The services of the special staff employed to investigate into the cases of defunct Muzrai Institutions and alienation and unauthorized enjoyment of inam lands of Muzrai Institutions in the Shimoga and Mysore Districts were extended up to 31st October 1931. This staff has since the commencement traced 484 cases of defunct institutions, 317 cases of alienations or unauthorized enjoyment of inam lands and 335 cases of conversion of village-institutions into minor ones. Similar work was done in the other districts by the local Muzrai Officers. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to issue instructions to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts to arrange for continuing this work expeditiously and to pursue the several pending cases to their final stages without delay.

Income and Expenditure of the Department.—The opening balance at the credit of Muzrai Institutions was Rs. 7,00,079 and the receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 7,68,038, making a total of Rs. 14,68,107. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 6,64,552, leaving a balance of Rs. 8,03,555 at the end of the year.

Inspections.—It is reported by the Muzrai Commissioner that certain Deputy Commissioners did not furnish details about the inspection work done by their Sub-Division Officers in respect of Muzrai Institutions. This is not satisfactory. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to issue suitable instructions in the matter and to indicate in future reports, the more important points noticed during the inspection of institutions and their jewels and other properties and the action taken on them.

General.—His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore paid a visit to the Sri Bale-Honnur Mutt in the Narasimharajpura Sub-Taluk. The Members of the Indian States Enquiry Committee, His Excellency the Governor of Madras, Lady Chetwood, the Princes and Princesses of Hyderabad and the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes, Member of Council, Madras, visited the Gumbaz at Seringapatam. His Highness the Thakore Saheb of Palitana visited the Gumbaz at Seringapatam and the temples at Belur, Halebid and Sravanabelgola. The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes, Mr. Trivedi and Mr. and Mrs. Paramanand visited the temples at Belur and Halebid. The Dewan of Mysore visited the

Gumbaz at Seringapatam and the temples of the Sri Yoganandeswaraswami and the Bhoganandiswaraswami in the Chikballapur Taluk.

Government are glad to observe that the Administration of the Muzrai Department continued to be efficient during the year under review.

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PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

District Board Works.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 4972-91—L. B. 83-30-40, dated the 10th December 1930, appointing a Committee to consider the question of the District Boards being permitted to have their own Engineering Establishments and to submit its views to Government.

2. Government Order No. L. 7570-86—L. B. 83-30-51, dated the 11th May 1932, directing that it would not be expedient to try the scheme of the District Boards having their own Engineering Establishments, even as an experimental measure in one District as proposed by the Committee.

ORDER NO. P. W. 1558-80—S., DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH JANUARY 1933.

Complaints are being received from the Presidents of the District Boards to the effect that the officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department do not co-operate with them and furnish the information they require, regarding the District Board works executed by the Department. Government are pleased to direct that all information required to be furnished regarding these works according to Government Order No. 4447-66—L. B. 999-22-1, dated the 16th December 1922, should be fully and promptly supplied to the District Board Presidents. They further desire to impress on the officers of the Department that, as the latter is an agency for carrying out District Board works, its officers should work in co-operation with the Boards and afford all reasonable help to them to enable the Presidents to keep in touch with the progress of the works. Government trust that the Presidents will also co-operate with the Executive Engineers and afford them every facility for the expeditious and satisfactory execution of works.

2. The Sub-Divisional Officers or subordinates may, on receipt of requisitions by the Presidents to the Executive Engineers, be asked to accompany the Presidents occasionally for the purpose of explaining to them the nature and stage of the works under execution.

The Superintending and Executive Engineers may send their tour programmes to the Presidents, so that the latter may be present at inspections of the works, if they so choose.

3. Whenever the Presidents of the Boards bring to the notice of the Executive Engineers any defects they notice in works under execution or offer suggestions regarding them, the Executive Engineers should give due consideration thereto and intimate the action taken thereon to the Presidents as early as practicable. When for any reason the Executive Engineers cannot take action on such reports or suggestions, they should promptly submit the cases for the orders of higher authorities.

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